

TB Workshop Mtg September 14, 2017  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
COLDEN TOWN HALL September 14, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:09PM

PRESENT: Councilman David Arcara  
Councilman Jesse Hrycik  
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick  
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek  
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Christina Kerlin  
4 Residents

1. Martin & Michelle McMahon - Bread of Life acquiring Colden Country Store

Supervisor DePasquale revised the meeting and introduced Marty and Michelle McMahon who wanted to update the Town Board on the Bread of Life acquiring Colden Country Store that is owned by Diane Graf. Diane would like to donate the building to the Bread of Life at no cost. The Bread of Life is looking for support from the Town Board with the new challenges that may come if they acquire the building. Some items that were brought up were help financially as well as any labor and materials on the building and grounds, crosswalks being marked, establishing the use of parking at nearby lots, grant writing and any management assistance the town can provide. Town Attorney will be contacted to see how much assistance the town can provide financially as well as with labor and materials. The Town Board stated that they are always in support of the Bread of Life Outreach Center. The Bread of Life is always looking for volunteers.

2. Senior Center

Supervisor DePasquale stated that there was an issue with bats at the Senior Center that required the Town Board to execute a phone approval for the removal of the bats, three quotes were obtained.

There is an issue with the Senior Center front door the handicap accessible bar is not working properly; Imperial Doors will be contacted to see what the problem could be after they replaced the front door recently.

These items will be brought up at tonight's meeting under the buildings committee report.

3. Review Resolution for Court Grant

Supervisor DePasquale reported that Court is submitting a grant for new interlocking chairs for the Courtroom. PESH requires that the chairs in the courtroom need to be secured together so they cannot be picked up and thrown. The resolution was reviewed and will be read into record at tonight's meeting.

4. Posting Speed Limit on Murray Hill Road

Supervisor DePasquale stated that last month a concerned citizen submitted a letter about Murray Hill Road not having a speed limit posted. The concerned citizen contacted the State Troopers about cars speeding on Murray Hill Road. State Troopers told her there was not much they could do without having speed limit signs posted. There was discussion on what the road should be posted at along with placing a sign for a hill.

5. Review July meeting minutes

Supervisor DePasquale asked if the Town Board received the minutes from the August 10, 2017 Town Board Workshop and the Regular Town Board Meeting on August 10, 2017 for review. Town Board members agreed that they received the minutes. Councilwoman Zurbrick stated that at the August meeting she raised the question about Town employees wearing seat belts in town vehicles and at tonight's Town Board meeting she will bring the issue up for the record. There was discussion on seat belts being worn in town vehicles and disciplinary actions on employees not using seat belts.

6. Update from Council members (if needed)

Supervisor DePasquale addressed a question from Councilman Hrycik about a voucher that was in for payment to Jason Penfold for securing the stairway and lean to at the Bach property on State Road and why there was no vote taken. Supervisor DePasquale stated that a letter was sent to Mr. Bach on July 19, 2017 advising Mr. Bach that the building must be secured. On August 22, 2017 a letter was sent for the immediate concern in regard to the status of the building lean to and staircase and if no action is taken within 7 days by Mr. Bach the Town will proceed with the demolition of the property. The securing of the stairway and lean to was all part of the process of the cleanup and securing of the property that was voted on back in April in regards to Town Code Chapter 31-Buildings Unsafe. The house is being left for now in an effort to provide Mr. Bach the opportunity to make more money back if he were to sell the property. The house would need a lot of work to be done to bring it up to code.

Councilman Pietraszek reported on a letter from Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper (BNW) who are partnering with New York Sea Grant to assist municipalities in the Niagara River Watershed in improving and protecting drinking water at its source. The letter is intended to explore the community's interest in partnering with BNW to assess opportunities for restoration and protection of important resources. There was a checklist included in the letter to rate the top five out of 10 areas of interest that BNW will gauge the interest in the town for ecological based strategies. The response letter will be submitted with interest in further discussions with BNW.

7. Updates from Supervisor (if needed)

Councilman Arcara asked the Town Board if they could enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

MOTION made by Councilman Arcara and seconded by Councilman Pietrazek and unanimously approved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Enter into Executive Session at 6:35pm

Reopen at 6:46pm

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin,  
Town Clerk

